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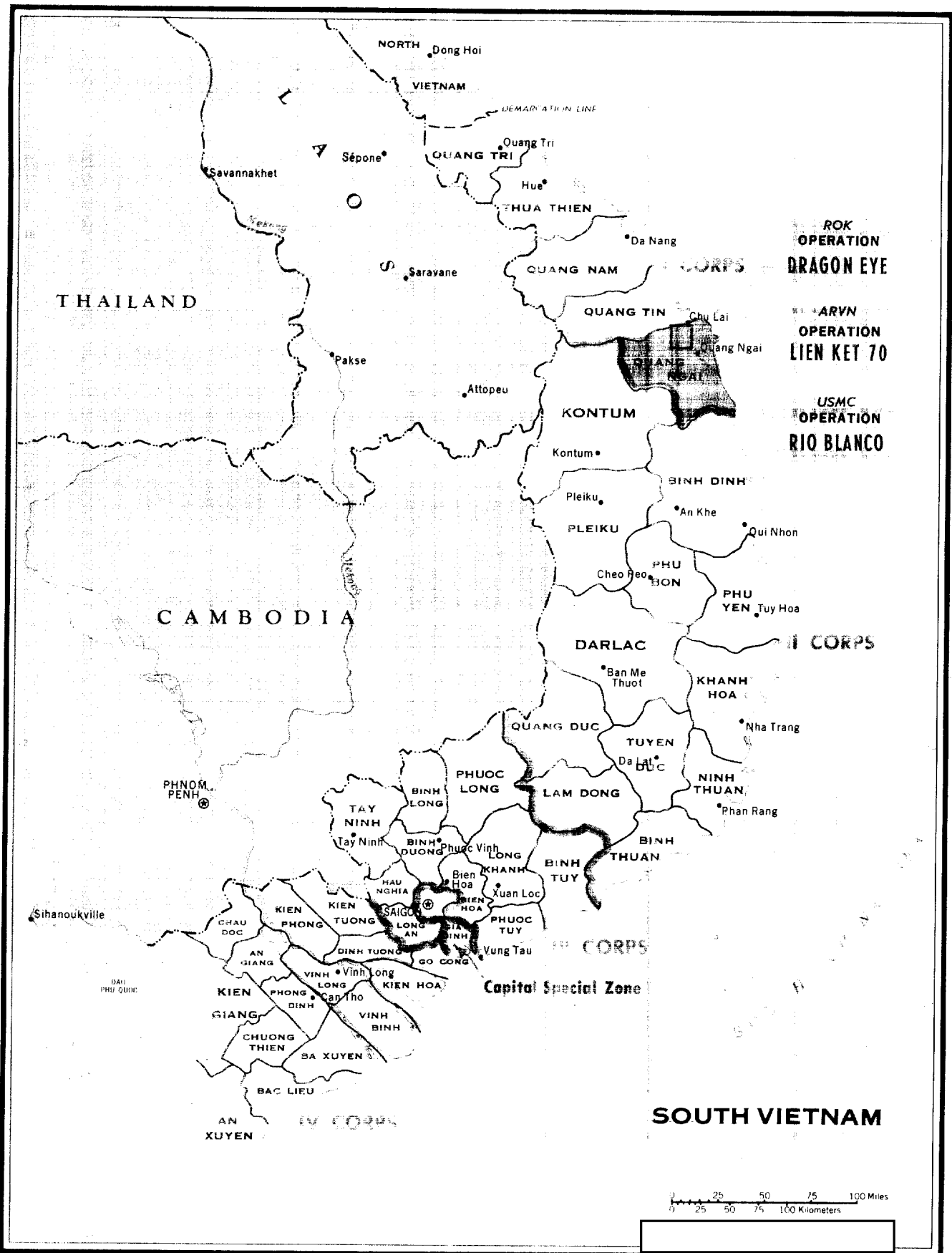
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

Political Situation in South Vietnam: The constituent assembly has begun preliminary discussions on a future constitution.

The assembly on 26 November agreed to open its substantive work with deliberations on "basic principles" to be included in the new constitution. Despite the objections of some old-guard politicians, the assembly decided to postpone discussions on more controversial aspects, including the governmental system and the status of political parties, until after such "basic principles" as a bill of rights are worked out.

The actual writing of the constitution will be done in committee only after the preliminary debates are concluded.

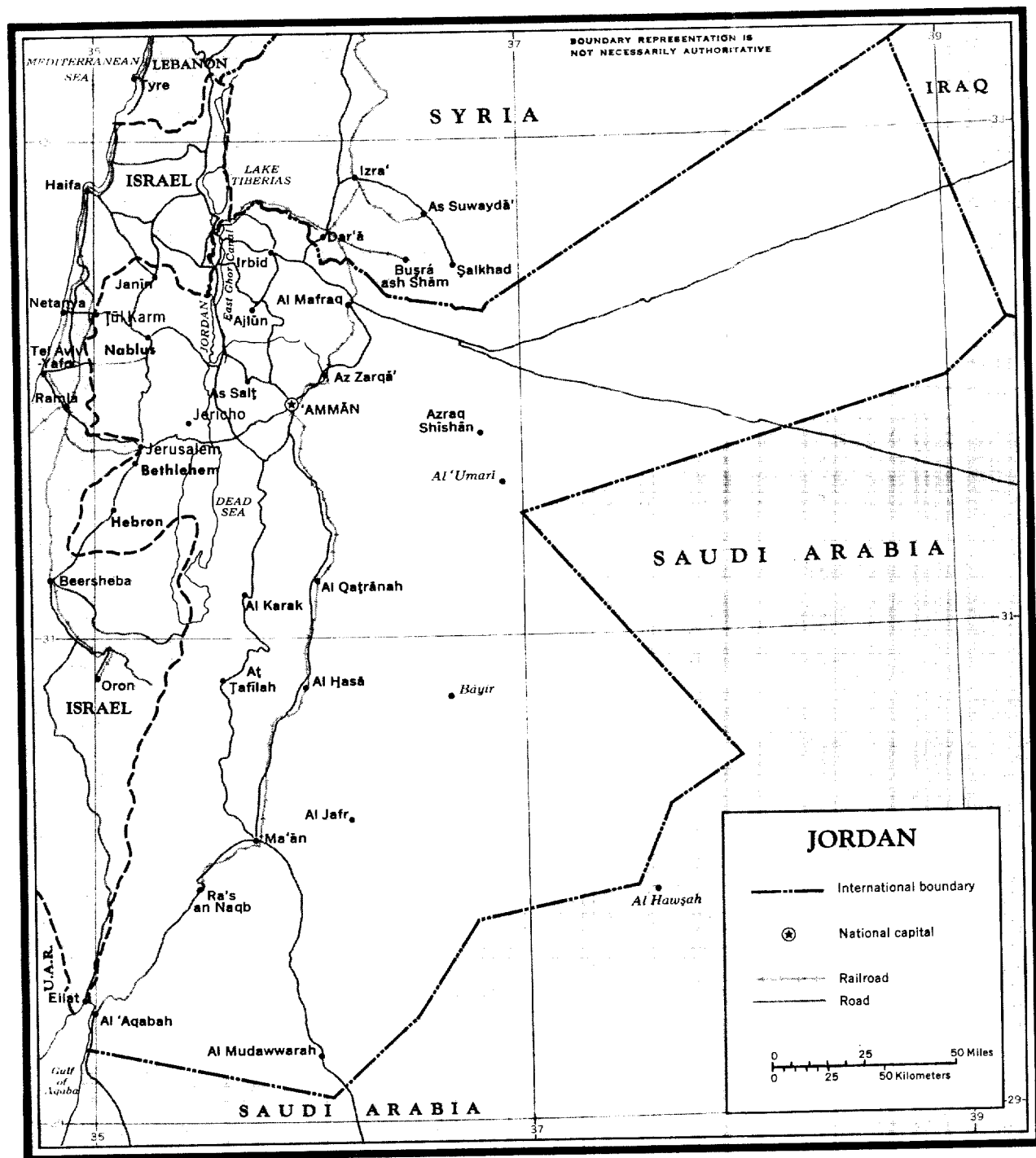
The Military Situation in South Vietnam: No significant fighting has been reported in the past 24 hours as heavy rains continue to impede allied operations in the northern part of South Vietnam.

A total of 279 enemy troops have been reported killed and 38 captured as a result of three recently terminated allied operations in northern Quang Ngai Province. The coordinated operations were targeted against elements of the North Vietnamese Army 2nd Division operating in the area. Allied losses in the three-week offensive were 47 killed and 157 wounded.

(Map)

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Jordan: Anti-Husayn demonstrations have subsided, at least for the moment, but further trouble is expected today.

[redacted] only one sizable demonstration, involving 600 secondary students in Bethlehem, occurred in Jordan yesterday. The curfew was raised for eight hours in Hebron and for 12 hours in Nablus--the scenes of serious disturbances last week. [redacted]

The chairman of the Cairo-based Palestine Liberation Organization almost certainly will make another verbal attack on King Husayn in a speech he is scheduled to make in Egyptian-controlled Gaza.

[redacted] (Map)

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*Uruguay: Uruguayan voters have approved a constitutional reform which changes the system of government from a nine-man governing council to a presidency.

The new president, 65-year-old retired General and former council member Oscar Gestido, swept to an easy victory over the Blancos with his opposition Colorado Party. Gestido will serve a five-year term, taking office in March 1967.

Gestido won in alliance with the Colorado Unity Front, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His government will face severe challenges in dealing with a deteriorating economy, continuing Communist-inspired labor agitation, and a likely surge in the cost of living.

The Communist Party electoral front, FIDEL, made significant gains, picking up 50 percent more votes than in the 1962 general elections. [REDACTED]

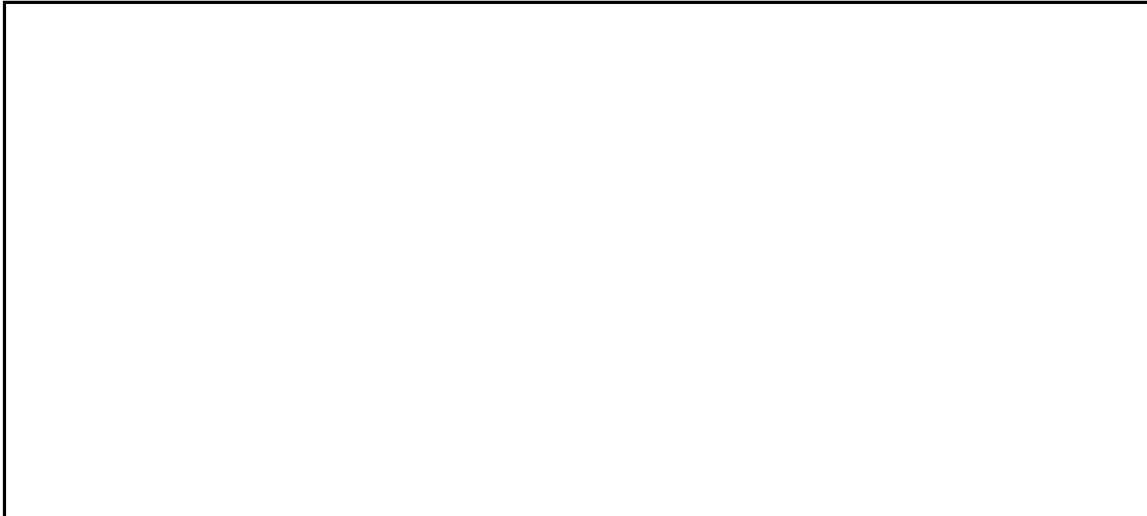
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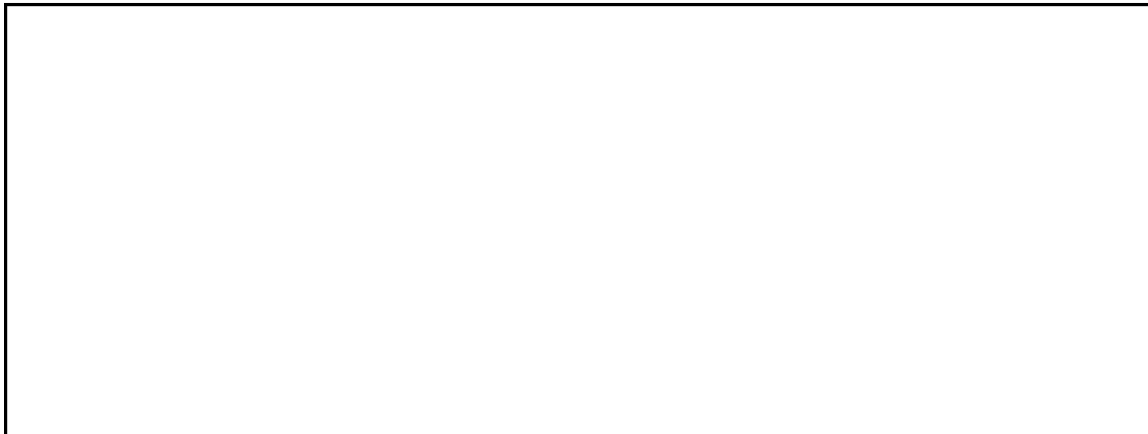
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Colombia: Colombia intends to establish diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia and consular relations with several other Eastern European nations in 1967. Colombia broke diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in 1948. The purpose of re-opening relations now is primarily commercial, as Colombia is eager to expand its sales of coffee. The Colombian action will leave Peru and Guyana as the only nations in South America without diplomatic relations with Communist countries. 

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*Burundi: Prime Minister Michel Micombero has ousted King Ntare V, who is visiting Kinshasa (Leopoldville), and declared the formation of a republic with himself as president. There is little reason to believe that the new administration will prove more effective than its predecessor in meeting Burundi's problems. Moreover the new president and his leftist-oriented advisers are likely to favor the Chinese Communists and remain anti-US. [REDACTED]

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